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**Attachment 19**

**To:** State Board of Fire Services

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**SUBJECT/AGENDA ACTION ITEM:**

Instructor requirements for Confined Space Rescue Awareness (2017)

**Recommended Actions:**

To approve and acknowledge the correct instructor requirements for Confined Space Rescue Awareness (2017)

**Background Information:**

This course was developed and approved by STEAC on January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018 and SBFS on February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018. However, in the process there was an oversight in the requirements for a new instructor. The oversight had been brought to SFT from a developmental cadre member of this new course. The implementation plan stated that it was required to be at or equal to a Company Officer and the associate command experience. These requirements are not consistent with the legacy course for Confined Space Rescue Awareness (1995) nor are they consistent with other present rescue courses or those in the development stage with State Fire Training. The correct requirements should give organizations more opportunity for their personnel to facilitate this awareness level course.

**Analysis/Summary of Issue:**

Through analysis it was found that the proper Rank and Professional Experience should be as follows:

- a. Held the rank of fire fighter and/or performed rescue duties within a Recognized fire Agency in California for a minimum of three (3) years.
- b. Meet all requirements to be a State Fire Training Registered Instructor and is maintaining recency and relevancy.

The registered instructors for the legacy Confined Space Rescue Awareness (1995) are authorized to instruct the new Confined Space Rescue Awareness Course (2017).